POLICE VIGILANCE COMMITTEES—PARTICULARS REGARDING

204. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when the Police Vigilance Committees were first introduced in the State;

(*b*) the number of such committees in the whole State;

(*c*) what is the nature of the work of these committees;

(*d*) are the members of these committees elected or selected; if selected, who is the Officer who makes the selection;

(*e*) is any period fixed for the membership;

(*f*) whether the Government propose to abolish these committees;

(*g*) do the Government know that some of the members take undue advantage of their position and harass the illiterate poor people?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police)*:

(*a*) In the year 1111.

(*b*) 266.

(*c*) To report important occurrences and help Police Officers in the investigation and detection of crimes and criminals.

(*d*) The members are selected by the local Police Inspector and approved by the Commissioner on the recommendation of the Superintendents.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Yes; there had been a few instances of misbehaviour and the undesirable members were removed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: How many undesirable members were removed?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police)*: So far as I remember seven or eight.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Were they replaced?

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Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* Some of them were replaced.

CULVERT No. 35 PATTAMBI-CHOWGHAT ROAD—REMOVAL OF

205. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has received any petition from Rev. Father Mathai, Vicar, New Cathedral Patriarch's Party Church, Arthat village, in Talappalli Taluk in Thulam 1109 or at a later date complaining about the inconveniences to the congregation about the existence of culvert No. 35 at the 16/1 in the Pattambi-Chowghat road just in front of the Church;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government took any steps to remove the same;

(*c*) in case the order passed was against the removal, will the Government be pleased to reconsider the proposal and re-institute an enquiry as to (i) whether after all there is any necessity of a culvert of that type through which very little water flows, (ii) the shifting of the culvert to a few yards to the north opposite to the new Panchayat road going to the eastern paddy fields could not be considered, and (iii) whether big concrete pipes will not suit the purpose of the bridge opposite to the Panchayat road referred to above;

(*d*) in case the answers to the above questions are favourable, will the Government be pleased to undertake the work of shifting the location of the culvert to the northern site proposed above?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The subject was enquired into and an estimate for a new culvert was prepared; but it could not be taken up due to paucity of funds and in view of other urgent works requiring priority.

(*c*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to subdivision (*b*).

(*d*) The work will be taken up next year if funds permit.

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